

From the Raleigh Sentinel.  
Horrible Outrage in Rutherford County.  
Ruthless Ku-Klux at Work.—A Whole Family Massacred in Cold Blood.—See-  
quely to Judge Logan's Letter.

Mrs. Editors:—Thursday morning last our usually quiet community was shocked by the intelligence that on the previous evening a whole family, consisting of six souls had been slaughtered in Morgan township, not far from the McDowell county line. Information quickly received confirmed the dreadful fact, giving further particulars which were substantially as follows:

Silas Weston, a free negro before the war, has for many years been living with Polly Steadman, a white woman of loose character. Polly has or had four children (the), the eldest about fourteen, the youngest nearly two years of age. Silas and Polly lived peaceably together, and were in better circumstances than most of their class.

Some time ago three notorious characters—Govan and Columbus Adair, and M. Bonard, were charged with the theft of a quantity of brandy and bound over to McDowell County Court, which meets on the 1st inst. Silas had seen the thieves carrying off the booty, and was subpoenaed as the principal witness for the prosecution. The Adairs threatened his life if "peached," but Silas expressed a determination to bring the rogues to justice. What we now proceed to state is the deposition of the woman, the victim.

On Wednesday evening, April 25th, shortly after nightfall, while the family were preparing to retire to peaceful repose, the faithful dog on the hearth began to bark violently. Polly looking through the shutters between the logs reached a pistol in the eye. With a wild scream she sprang back and at that instant the door was broken down and in rushed Govan Adair, Columbus Adair and Bonard, firing as they came. Silas fled dead with two balls in his back.

One of the assassins stood over the child as he lay upon the floor, shooting them through the head like a many pigs. Polly stooped to creep under the bed but was flung back. Then she began to fight like a tiger. One of the butchers attacked her with a knife, finally with five deep cuts in the body, with her throat deeply gashed and a pistol shot through the eye, this poor creature sank to the floor and was killed into a pile of brown straw prepared to the ground.

Meanwhile every voice in the family had been stifled; six lifeless bodies lay on the bloody floor; the old man on the hearth, the mother jangled in pieces in the straw, and the children in their night clothes, lying where they fell, or had been flung by the fiends.

The fiends contemplated their work to make sure it had been done thoroughly, and prepared to hide their tracks. Flitting up, clothing, straw and other household articles they applied the match, and then, with an impenetrable stain on their souls fled away into the darkness.

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Editor of the Tribune:—Sir: We have noticed recently a great many publications in your paper concerning outrages committed by Ku-Klux in the Southern States. We know nothing of the truth or falsity of these charges, and shall not undertake their refutation except so far as they may be understood to apply to the whole South. The undersigned, all Northern men by birth and education, have since the war, purchased homes and settled in some of the Southern States, Virginia, and others in Caswell and Rockingham counties, North Carolina, and many of us are republicans and regular readers of and subscribers to the Tribune. We have reason to believe that a large number of our Northern friends earnestly desire to emigrate to the South, supply themselves with cheap lands, and enjoy this charming climate; and we fear that they may be deterred from doing so by the publications to which we have referred. It is for this reason, we request the insertion of this letter in your paper, in the hope that such other papers in the North as desire to do justice to every portion of the country will give it circulation. We can say, in truth, that not only persons and property are safe in the sections of these States where they reside, but that they never lived in a more orderly or law-abiding community. We have been kindly received by the entire people, our intercourse with them has been in all respects agreeable to us as could have desired. We have seen no disposition to mistreat or even slight upon account of our politics—on the contrary, we have uniformly been treated with civility and respect by every one. It is but an act of justice to ourselves and to the people living in the States of our adoption that we should say what we have said, and we trust that you will give it a place in your paper.

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

### THUNDER FROM THE WEST!

#### MORE DEMOCRATIC VICTORIES!!

The Democrats sweep Charlotte, electing Gen. John A. Young, Mayor, and their entire city ticket.

Gallant little Salisbury comes square up to the mark and elects J. S. McCubbin, the Democratic nominee for Mayor, and the balance of the ticket by large majorities.

### THUNDER FROM THE EAST.

Kinston, one of the hot-beds of Radicalism, goes Republican by a largely reduced majority.

In the Radical-ridden city of Newbern, the Democrats succeed in electing two of the seven Councilmen. This is a glorious triumph for the Conservative-Democratic party, when it is remembered what an overwhelming majority the Radicals have in that unfortunate city. In two of the wards the Democrats had no regular nominees. The Councilmen elect the Mayor. For Trustees of the Newbern Academy the Radicals elect their tickets, a result not at all strange when it is remembered that the vote was on a general ticket, and that three-fourths of those who supported them were ignorant negroes, led by a few carpet-baggers and scoundrels.

Halifax, Wadesboro', Stoneham, and other municipalities follow up the good news, none of which, we are assured, yet to be received.

### DEATH OF HON. JAMES M. MASON.

Hon. James M. Mason, whose death had been for some days expected, died on Friday evening last at Greensboro, Va., where he had been living for a year or two past, and whither he had removed from Winchester, Md. Mason's death is among the distinguished men of the times is an eminently historical one, but of events and honors, and crowned with a brilliant family prestige.

For several years he was a member of the Virginia Legislature, and in 1837 he was elected to the United States House of Representatives. Subsequently he was a leading member of the United States Senate, and for several years was chairman of the foreign relations committee.

His breaking out of the Union was as quiet as a feather, and he was not long in being joined by the other Southern Senators, and in November, 1861, he embarked with an English steamer, at Havana, on board the British royal mail steamer Trent, for Southampton, accompanied respectively by Judge John A. Young, and then, with an impenetrable stain on their souls fled away into the darkness.

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## STATE NEWS.

### Weldon is to have a furniture store.

The Rutherfordton youths' Tournament last Tuesday.

The hail storm of Monday last has materially injured the crop prospects around Newbern.

The town of Stoneham, in Craven county, has succeeded in electing a full Democratic municipal ticket.

The yield from the eastern fisheries this year has been exceedingly large, causing a glut in the market, in consequence of which they have not been quite as profitable as usual.

A colored preacher in Lincoln county, has been warned by the Ku-Klux to either quit preaching or quit stealing. At last account, this apostle was undecided as to which of his professions he would abandon.

Judge Merrimon, who has just been on an extended trip through the Western portion of the State, represents the country as ablaze on the Convention question. The freemen of the West are determined to have a Convention.

The Weldon News learns that the Petersburg road has positively decided to build at once a bridge across the Roanoke at that point, and that it has selected the route which crosses the river some few hundred yards above the present railroad bridge.

The Weldon News says: The whites in Halifax elected a straight ticket on Monday. Mr. Goddin Whitehead was elected Mayor, and Messrs. Henry Harvey, Geo. W. O'Neal, R. P. Spiers, M. H. McBride, (and one other whose name we did not learn) were elected Commissioners.

From the Pee Dee Herald we learn that the annual election of the municipal officers for the town of Wadesboro', which took place on Monday last, the 1st inst., resulted as follows: Mayor, Dr. E. F. Aslee; for Commissioners, M. H. McBride, J. A. Little and G. W. Willoughby.

The Rutherfordton Visitor tells us that the wheat crop, notwithstanding the heavy frosts of last Sunday and Monday, has every appearance of being a very full one. The frost has seriously injured vegetables and grain, but the wheat has not been affected by it.

The Old North Star, alluding to an Old Farmer's declaration, in Salisbury, last week by Mayor Sargent, of Raleigh, says the address is spoken of in the highest and most complimentary terms. Major Sargent, says the North Star, is a gentleman of culture and due literary tastes and attainments.

The Rutherfordton Star, edited by the Rev. J. B. Carpenter, who recently left the Rutherfordton Star, devotes four columns to the matter. At the same time 10 lines suffice to tell of the horrible outrage recently committed by two negroes, in Gaston county, on the person of a white girl 13 years of age.

The "Carolina Pump Company" is the name of a company recently started, with its headquarters at Fayetteville. The company is composed of Messrs. J. L. Kitchen, C. Tate Murphy and W. C. Traylor, successors to J. L. Kitchen, who propose to supply the two Carolinas with the submerged glass cylinder double-acting force pump, already in use in this locality. The company has plenty of means, and propose pressing their business vigorously.

Lexington, Ky., breathes freely since a 10 foot snake was killed there.

The recent heavy rains in Alabama damaged cotton.

The Chicago police are now raiding on people who neglect to anchor their horses.

Three lamp explosions, and the resultant funerals, in Chicago last week.

The new City Hall at Detroit has \$700,000 of iron stairs.

Lady Thorn is reported recovered and a candidate for turf honors this Summer.

The tobacco fly has opened an office in Bedford county, Va.

De Moines, Iowa, has captured a sea-pelican with a beak 14 inches long.

A church fair in New York runs a bar as an unusual attraction.

New York and Philadelphia are overrun with theatrical people of all grades.

Decatur, Ill., supports a 500 cow-power cheese foundry.

The Chicago Republican compares cheese to the pen—it is milder than the sword.

Eagle Harbor, on Lake Superior, has uncovered four tons of copper in one mass.

Detroit manufacturers are equal to 355,674 pounds of tobacco a month, when they chew.

Ann Arbor permits no faro banks, and the students have to play poker in their rooms.

Florida orange-growers find dry sawdust the best material to pack the fruit in.

A young Oklaheese attempted suicide the other day, because he had been married two weeks and didn't like it.

Obstructions of the channel of Mobile bay are to be removed forthwith, proposals being advertised for.

A Broadway pedestrian, after a vicious accidental poke, exclaimed: "It is base flattery to call a man an idiot who, in a crowd, will deliberately carry an umbrella sticking recklessly backward over his shoulder or under his arm."

A citizen of Reading, Pa., is said to have mourned the death of thirty-six of his children. He is now fifty-five years old, and has three wives, and has four children living.

There are now more than three hundred post-offices in this country in charge of the postman, the salaries range as high as \$4,000. Twenty-five have salaries over \$1,000.

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